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Revelations of indulgence test fabric of college

Jackson Solway
Catalyst Alum

If a "good crisis should never be put to waste," CC's administration lost little time transforming the market downturn that began late last year into a vigorous effort to slash the school's budget.

However, the explanations the college has given for the subsequent downsizing have been misleading, and by using them to justify layoffs, among other cuts, administrators have opened themselves to increasing criticism.

In fact, a review of data shows the recent elimination of \$8 million from the budget to be an equal response to market conditions as to years of out of control spending, notably on high-level administrative operations.

Further, fast-tracked budget making is running blind, not only without historical guidance, but without direction from even standard, normal-year procedures, which, almost unbelievably, do not exist.

An unprecedented sense of urgency imposed by the Board of Trustees through mandated timelines pervades the atmosphere in decision-making circles, and has led to misunderstandings and a deep sense of uncertainty among a wide range of college employees.

Morale is perceived as being at its lowest level since the Vietnam War and the Civil Rights era by the college's older community members. For those aware of it, the request by President Dick Celeste that budget-makers begin considering a "Doomsday Scenario," as faculty have coined it, of a \$250 million endowment and an enrollment of just 1600 students looms large.

Beyond the impact of self-inflicted mistakes, under cover from a rapidly moving budget process spurred by market fears is affecting a

fundamental reordering of power structures on campus.

All agree that the opportunity for major change is acute—and that it is a positive opportunity. But in an environment where the relationship between the faculty and the administration is commonly described as fraught with mistrust, arguments for and against reform have been dichotomized and opponents demonized.

Aside from basic academic instruction, nearly everything CC does, and how it does it, seems up for grabs.

In the short term, with an additional \$4 million in cuts on the horizon, battle lines between programs are beginning to be drawn. Through dozens of interviews with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees, the idea of shared sacrifice is not widely appreciated, and remains little discussed.

The few known instances of financial charity from within the college, popularized by adminis-

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trators, seem the exceptions that prove the rule of a community nervous, reflexive, waiting for the next blow.

Involuntary Transitioned

Beth Brooks cried. She was in her office discussing the board of trustees when this reporter brought up Pam Buick, the woman she had laid off only days earlier.

Ms. Buick had been "involuntarily transitioned," as the college calls layoffs, and by all appearances the experience had deeply affected both women, who have been friends for years. "She's in a really fragile place right now," Ms. Brooks said, pausing to wipe her eyes.

Even a year ago one could have mistaken Ms. Buick's job for the most secure staff position on campus. As President Celeste's personal assistant and twenty year veteran of the college, she was a consummate force in decision making circles, the gatekeeper for the men and women who have run CC since before most students were born.

Ms. Buick did not respond to email requests for comment.

"This has affected everyone" Mr. Celeste said. "Including us at the top."

President Celeste was referring to the \$8 million CC has recently cut from its budget, and the 51 buyouts and 11 layoffs that have contributed to the figure. But the emotions have not been limited to the denizens of Armstrong West.

What Ms. Buick was told was the reason for her position being eliminated is hard to say, because she was almost certainly aware that what everyone else was told was not the whole truth.

For other staff members whose positions were eliminated, a dominant emotion has been anger—not for being laid off, but for being misled.

Letters from President Celeste to the community have repeatedly invoked a poor market environment as the driving force behind budget cuts, and the attention of the college has been directed toward CC's rapidly shrinking endowment.

The claim is misleading at best, and the first to say so are many of the administrators President Celeste works with.

"Relatively speaking, I think it's a misnomer—read through the communications on campus, that we are in this situation because of the endowment. It's part of the equation, but it is not the cause of us cutting \$8 million from our budget," said Stacy Lutz-Davidson, assistant treasurer of the college.

Other members of the Business Office agreed, including John Calderhead, CC's controller, and Lyrae Williams, the director of the budget.

Each spoke as if they were unaware the college had so thoroughly relied upon market conditions to justify layoffs.

Its been a long time since summer camp but CC revives the spirit

Nick Hawks
Catalyst Staff

In the final issue of last year's Catalyst, three student writers proclaimed that "Camp College is dead." The authors supported their claim with a number of observations that, to them, indicated that the party scene at Colorado College had been steadily decreasing since their freshman year and that this fact somehow made CC less appealing and generally more disappointing.

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in the past couple of years, but that the Camp College analogy has been misinterpreted. I believe that when students on campus endearingly refer to their school as "Camp College," they are not referring to the party scene, but rather to the similarities between CC and summer camp. I thought that this analogy was commonly understood, but perhaps I was mistaken. It wouldn't be the first time.

Summer camp isn't about drinking copious amounts of alcohol or indiscriminate grinding in a crowded room full of sweaty boys to the latest Black Eyed Peas track. It's about the atmosphere. If you would, please take a moment to recall your earlier days spent at summer camp. Of course, there is bound to be a certain degree of variation between summer camp experiences, but there are definitely some common themes no matter where you went. If you never went

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Don't fret, Camp College is back in session

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to summer camp, think of something like, I don't know, the movie *Wet Hot American Summer* or the old Nickelodeon TV show, *Salute Your Shorts*. It's all about the same. Think of the bunk beds, the close living quarters, the late night chats with all of your friends as you were laying awake convinced that everything was just too funny to ever fall asleep. Think of the ropes courses, care packages from Mom and Dad, the communal bathrooms, and the seemingly serious dilemma of deciding which activities you were going to squeeze into the insufficiently long 16 hours of sunlight. Or which pretty girl (or boy) you were going to flirt with and maybe get to hold hands with later that night at the campfire. Think of the

excitement of meeting new friends and trying new things, of breaking out of your shell and figuring it all out while watching a pretty sunset over the lake. Now think about your days at CC. Not too dissimilar is it? Except here it's Pikes Peak instead of a lake. For those of you less accustomed to the school, you'll experience it all soon enough.

Let's be honest, Colorado College is not Boulder (even though many people, including relatives, keep making that mistake), nor is it Arizona State University. Simply put, CC is a small liberal arts school where an individual has four good years to learn about themselves through deep, intellectually stimulating relationships with his or her peers. And, of course, enjoy a raucous party every now and again as well. If you came here to drink at Fraternity parties and fuck random strangers that, statistically speaking, you probably wouldn't see again on

campus, you might find yourself fairly disappointed with your choice in higher education. For those of you who came looking to find likeminded people who share a common goal

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of releasing the child within: welcome home.

So go outside and play. Feel free to go a little crazy and try some things you might not

have done before. Go rock climbing or climb a mountain or try salsa dancing. Just get out of your comfort zone. After all, that is what going away to summer camp is really all about. Don't get me wrong now, CC is definitely a party; it's just not the kind of party portrayed in the modern National Lampoon movies, which have surprisingly similar plots and an ever increasing amount of exposed breasts. Anywho, welcome back (or just plain welcome) to the Camp College we've all come to know and love. Let the festivities begin.

Camp College is dead: the articles of justification

Steven Galinat, Nick Hiebert and Mitchell Price

Catalyst Alum

In memory of Camp College: the death of the CC party scene

Due to their shared acronyms, it is doubtful that the 'Camp College' term will ever be lost from the discourse on student life at Colorado College, but Camp College, at least as the seniors came to know it four years ago, is dead. Camp college, if it still exists at all, is now the dried up old raisin of the plump and delectable grape it once was.

Yes, CC students are still capable of raging it as hard as ever, and they do. But there are significant structural differences between student life at CC today compared to four years ago. I know underclassmen, as well as our good friend Sue down at King's Chef Diner, reject the idea that CC has less of a party scene now than in the past, but it is a fact. And as

“ If you don't know Nam, then you never saw camp college. ”

evidence, I put forth the following articles of justification.

Article 1.) We have fewer parties

Nowadays I can almost count all of CC's party houses on one hand. We used to have

more than double that.

Article 2.) The Cops have gained the upper hand

Lately, CSPD have been showing up to parties as early as 10:30 pm, and completely breaking them up after coming back an hour later. Of course, these police tactics are not new, but it used to happen much later, and it never used to make a difference.

When we were freshman, the police would come to break up the party, and then everyone would leave and go to the other two parties that were happening at the same time. Then once the kegs at those parties were finished we would return to the first party to finish the keg. That does not happen anymore.

Furthermore, the personal relationship the student body used to have with the CSPD is dying, and without that relationship or the funding the department got from our fraternities, we fear that the increase in patrol cars during weekend nights will inevitably lead to more tensions in the future.

Article 3.) Serious neglect of the senior calendar

The senior calendar has always been the organizational tool by which the endless party scenes of first and eighth block were made possible. This year our class, pre-occupied with such college activities as thesis projects, has failed to put together a senior calendar prior to the start of either of these blocks. Worse, repeated cancellations and a weak, one party

per night schedule have become the norm, not the exception. From the perspective of Camp College this is blasphemous, and the class of '09 needs to own up to their responsibility for the death of Camp College in this regard.

Article 4.) Unlimited free beer will never happen at CC again

Back in the Camp College days, events like Llamapalooza and Blues & Shoes were day-long free Bristol beer drinking fiascos. With a few sheets of paper that matched the color of the wristbands, every underage student

meet?

Article 5.) Paradigm shift away from weed and hallucinogens towards alcohol and cocaine

This change underscores the nature of the new CC party scene, rather than the intensity of it. It used to be that one a few select weekend afternoons one could find droves of hallucinating students rampaging across the quads, this simply does not happen anymore.

Article 6.) The death of Greek life

When we were freshmen, we used to speak of the phantom 400: the four hundred students you would never meet even if you went to every party and every school event. Nowadays the phantom 400 has ballooned into the phantom 800 or more

with half a brain and an ounce of gall was in the keg line. Now, a three beer ticket system combined with vigilant permanent marker on everyone not on the list has tainted the free love and booze atmosphere that marked these events which served as mixers between the classes.

The announcement that beers will cost \$2 dollars at Llama is particularly disconcerting. We know that the school is facing budget cuts, but do they really need to gross \$300 per keg from students pockets in order to make ends

Greek life as we knew it has vanished. Gone are the nights of knowing that even if all else fails you could still go have a beer at a frat party. As someone who remembers (vaguely) the excitement and mild panic of being at a Fiji party, we are disappointed that there no longer exists a venue of that sort. It is not because being squeezed into a crowded room of sweaty drunks is an experience that we long for when we are bored, but it was wild and we remember it fondly. Fiji has been gone

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How the class of 2009 had their cake and ate it too: Born into Camp College, graduating from CC

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for some time now, but the passing of Sigma Chi this year effectively ends the determined and well-organized effort to give the school a party at all times.

Article 7.) Private security for house parties

Over time, regulations have been put in place to try and keep things under control, such as forcing the frats to hire security and make lists. While these measures do much to increase the safety of the parties, they have done nothing to foster the carefree nature of the nightlife on this campus. Having finally gone so far as to throw Sigma Chi off campus, the school is now making it necessary for off campus seniors to hire security for their own parties.

Mandatory security is the result of having fewer but larger parties during most nights of the week. Without the frats any house that throws a party is quickly overrun by the sheer volume of underclassmen who are interested in going out and having a good time. The problem is not just one of overcrowding; the size and scale of these parties tends to create more noise than the surrounding community is willing to put up with.

The frats were essentially on campus, so any parties they held were almost never shut down due to noise complaints. Students who live off campus and have parties fear the noise complaint above almost all other things. Police are obligated to respond to complaints, and are doing their job when they shut down a party that has gotten out of hand. However the problem is since there are so few house parties per night, they end up shutting down one of the only parties of the entire night.

The ethos of Colorado College student body has undergone a profound change away from the care-free and free-love attitude of Camp College towards the intense competitive atmosphere of the typical East coast liberal arts school. CC's mission statement is geared toward channeling the spirit of the Rocky Mountain West. Where is that spirit?

Underclassmen going to a party are met with hostility instead of openness, making the whole process much less pleasant and wholesome. The fraternities provided a buffer because they would absorb a large portion of the crowd at any given night, making the off campus parties more manageable. Since seniors were less afraid of their homes being destroyed if they did have a party, there tended to be more gatherings per night that were of a smaller size, creating a much more intimate environment in which to socialize.

Getting rid of the frats was a solution to stopping the crazed parties that happened in them, but it only serves to decrease the incentive for seniors to have an off campus party. It is safe to assume that the school should expect more of the same with the absence of the fraternities, and that the nightlife will generally be of a more impersonal and, in our minds, unpleasant experience.

Article 8.) Admissions standards and CC's image

It is no secret that admissions standards at CC have been steadily increasing for years. Each successive class was told that they were the most competitive ever, and that competitive spirit has slowly pervaded

into the CC psyche than ever before. More competitive classes have led to more phantoms and less characters in the social scene.

Article 9.) Decreased non-sexual interaction between seniors and freshman

Seniors are still shacking up with bright-eyed and bushy-tailed freshmen on weekends and most Monday nights. That is not our concern. The problem lies outside the sheets.

Upperclassmen-underclassmen interactions

As someone who remembers (vaguely) the excitement and mild panic of being at a Fiji party, we are disappointed that there no longer exists a venue of that sort. It is not because being squeezed into a crowded room of sweaty drunks is an experience that we long for when we are bored, but it was wild and we remember it fondly.

have stymied this year, due to general disinterest in upholding the core values that were, once, unique to Camp College. CC students were previously known for their gregarious, if at times brazenly extroverted, character. Seniors giving directions to Red-Rock Canyon or chaperoning freshmen to their first trip to Cy's Drive In were once expectations, not rarities. This disheartening trend owes itself in equal parts to senior mentors and fresh-out-of-high school mentees. Non-sexual upperclassmen-underclassmen interactions are as vital to the CC community as a lighter is to a cigarette. So seniors, take some time these last few days to help pass the torch.

Article 10.) Hipsters and their self-quaran-

tine-styled fun

It's one thing to wear women's jeans, black vans, and to cruise around in fixed-gear bicycles – these fashion trends are timeless and inevitable. It's another thing to compound such fads with a cooler-than-thou attitude. Indeed, newly spotted hipster contingents can be seen sunbathing, clad with fake Wayfarer Ray-Bans, in front of the Worner Center at high noon – but where are these posed flower children when the sun goes down? This hipster influx has greatly contributed to the reaping of the social fabric here at the Colorado College.

Yes, they are fun to look at, what with wardrobes representing all the colors of a technicolor rainbow, but if approached by another student outside of their posse, they will size you up, pass judgment, and return to commiserating with their friends about the hangover they accrued from drinking tall-boys isolated in their room the night before.

While these students have a right to socialize or anti-socialize how they please, all we ask of them is to “try a little tenderness” and to share themselves with the CC community once in a blue moon (their favorite Belgian wheat ale).

Article 11.) The increase in phantoms

When we were freshman, we used to speak of the “Phantom 400:” the four hundred students you would never meet even if you went to every party and every school event. Nowadays the phantom 400 has ballooned into the phantom 800 or more, with inevitably disastrous consequences to the viscosity of the CC party scene.

Article 12.) Where did the streaking fad go?

Within days of arriving at CC, the class of 2009 had struck with its first of many streaking incidents. Maybe it was the threats of sex offender status, or the high profile streaking of graduation perpetrated last year, but after streaking occurred in the euphoria following Obama's victory the administration released an email detailing how wrong the act was and

how they would be prosecuted in the future. Needless to say the prospects for future streaking on the CC campus is bleak.

In conclusion:

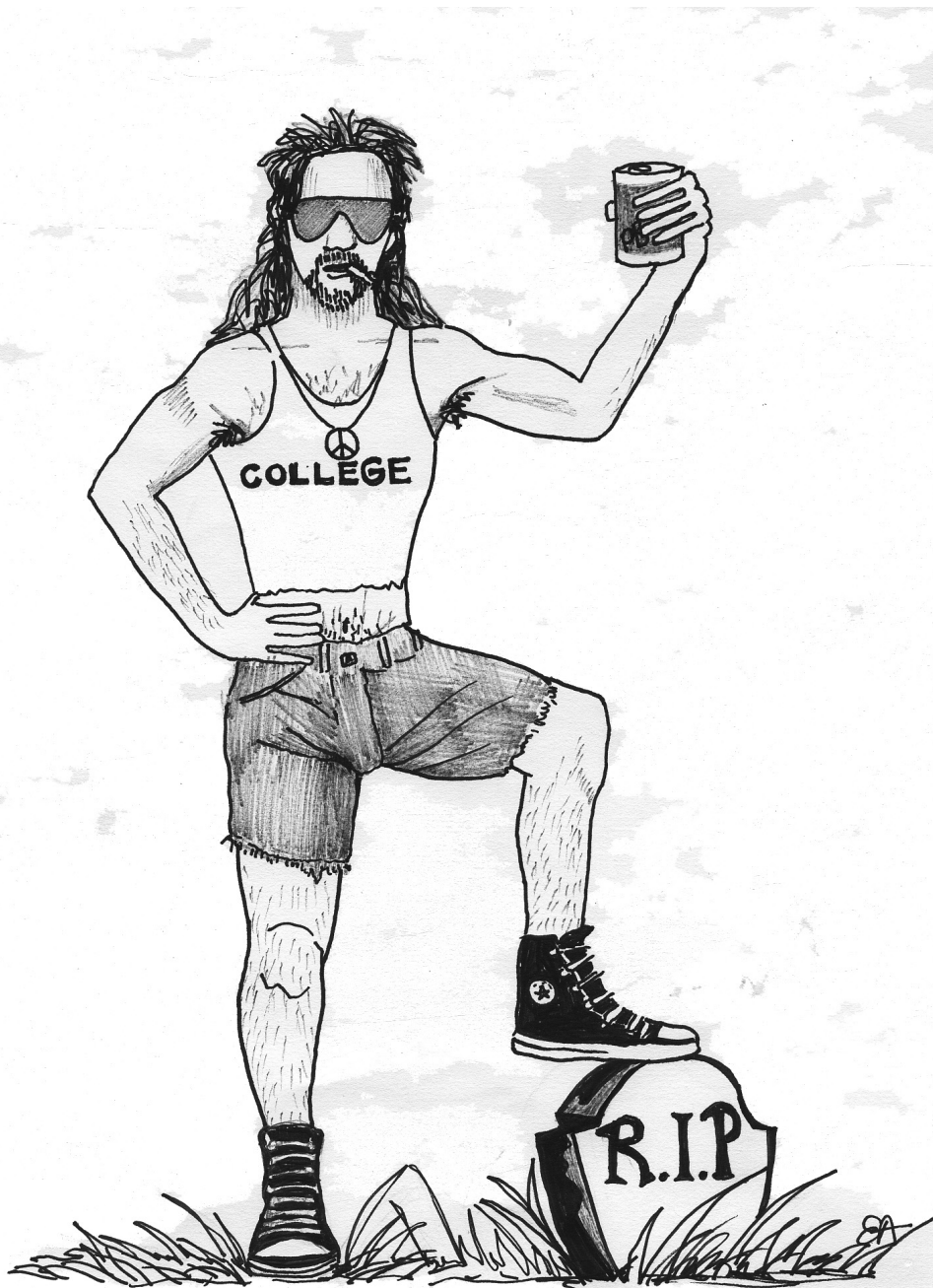
There was a time when CC really did stand for Camp College, back then Colorado College was somewhat of a joke compared to its stature now; it was the school that fuck-ups from the East coast came to once they were too old to go to summer camp anymore. These rarities still exist of course, but most current CC students, myself included, applied to CC first and foremost because of the level of education, and secondly as a fun-loving-outdoorsy-school in Colorado. The atmosphere is much different when having fun at college is the primary goal instead of getting the best degree possible.

When the graduating class of 2009 arrived at CC, we were brought into an atmosphere that still held that carefree outlook on college. Over our four years here we have watched that outlook change within both ourselves and the school at large. As much as we may lament this change on one hand, we have to realize that it is an extremely beneficial one on the other. We did not pay ungodly amounts of money to acquire a degree from Camp College. We worked our

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asses off to graduate with a Colorado College diploma, and those of us graduating this year can take solace in the fact that we got to have our cake and eat it too.

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Features

A FAT KID'S GUIDE TO COLORADO SPRINGS

Welcome to a brief overview of some of the hottest restaurants in town. This is not a "Best of," by any means, but hopefully it will serve all of you well if you need a quick guide for places to eat. Yes, you can stick to La'aus and Woog-lins if you like, and go to Fujiyama every Wednesday for ladies' night, but I encourage you to branch out and go elsewhere once in a while. So tear out this insert and throw it on your wall if you need some decorating and keep

it handy if you are the kind of student who needs to get off campus for some legit cuisine.

Chipotle

Walk/bike; 17 S Tejon St.
<\$10

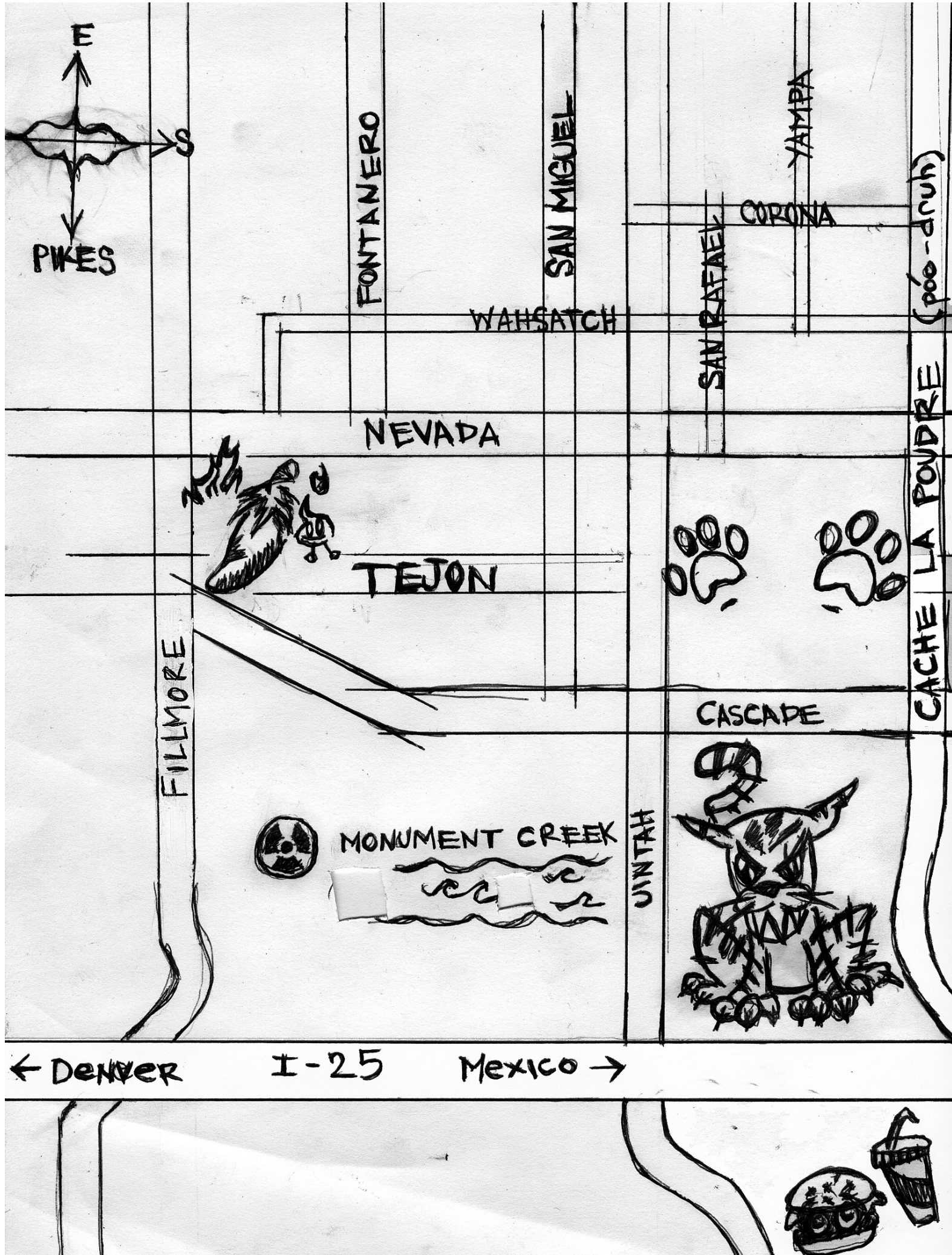
I doubt an explanation is really needed for this one... if any of you haven't tried Chipotle but you want a burrito that will last 2 meals, this is your best bet. Plus, it is right downtown.

Phantom Canyon Restaurant and Brewing Company

Walk/bike; 2 East Pikes Peak Ave.
<\$20 (depending on how much you like draft beer)

A local brewing company, Phantom Canyon boasts over 10 beers on tap, 2nd floor billiard rooms, and a broad range of food on the menu including the famous "Pub Fare" section.

Favorites: Mac 'n' Cheese or any of the appetizers.



Jimmy John's

Walk/bike/delivered to your door,
10 S Tejon St.
<\$10

If you are ever in need of a quick and tasty sammy, try out Jimmy John's (or even order online!) and enjoy immediate service and satisfaction.

I'm pretty sure you all know what kind of sandwich you like by now... But grab a sub if you can't decide what to order.

Bon Ton's Café

Drive; 2601 W Colorado Ave.
<\$20

In need of a sit down brunch before an afternoon in Old Colorado City? Head to Bon Ton's for a big meal and you'll beat those Sunday morning...blues ;)

Favorites: Chicken fried steak and breakfast burritos.

Cy's Drive In Restaurant

Drive/Bike; 1833 W Uintah
<\$10

Feeling nostalgic for greasy drive in but can't bear to go to Sonic? Yay! Come to Cy's, right across the street from King Soopers, and get your (not so heart) healthy fill of burgers.

Favorites: Junior Alaskan Burger, Buffalo Fries (not Flat Fries), Mushroom Poppers, and the Swiss Mushroom Burger

Monica's

Bike/drive; 30 E Fillmore St.
 <\$10

Monica's brings a whole new meaning to Mexican fast food, so don't be fooled by the late hours and drive thru. They have tons of choices on the menu, and luckily, they don't sacrifice taste for quick service.

Favorites: Quesadillas (they are the size of your arm) or a Chile Relleno Burrito with a large Orchada (icy, milky drink)

Jose Muldoon's

Walk/bike; 222 N. Tejon St.
 <\$20

Not only is Jose Muldoon's wicked close to campus, they offer an unbeatable Tuesday night: \$.075 Tacos and Happy Hour!

Favorites: Fajitas, fajitas, fajitas. I want 6,000 chicken fajitas! Stewie Griffin, on Jose Muldoon's

El Taco Rey

Bike/drive; 330 E Colorado Ave.
 <\$10

This place is the king of more than just tacos, so branch out and try some of the larger meals. The family who runs it specializes in friendly service and authentic Mexican, so time your visit wisely because the line at noon is out the door.

Favorites: The lemonade is homemade, the enchiladas swim in sauce, and you can never go wrong with the daily specials.

El Palenque

Drive; 2165 Academy Cir.
 <\$20

This sit down, family style Mexican restaurant serves up a fabulous happy hour, great waitresses, and wide selection of meals at a great price. The portions are huge—just like the margaritas—meaning you will love the after dinner dancing.

Favorites: Blue margaritas and Platter dishes

Shuga's

Bike/drive; 702 S. Cascade Ave.
 <\$20

This is absolutely the best place to go for fancy cocktails and delicious, sophisticated sandwiches. Shuga's also has a great atmosphere and an ever-changing menu of desserts, soups and quiches, and they have recently added a Mediterranean twist on their appetizers.

Favorites: Lavender Lemonade or the Adult Lunchbox with a Hot Roast Beef

Trinity Brewing Company

Car—although, if you get there by manpower, you get discounts! 1466 Garden of the Gods Rd.
 <\$10-20

I cannot say enough amazing things about this incredibly awesome brewing company. The people are just the right kind of friendly, the entire operation is sustainable and utilizes local farms for all of the food, and the beer is actually the best thing you have ever tasted. Sit by the bar and enjoy conversation with the servers, or head outside on the patio with your pet and relax with an untainted view of the mountains. Live music throughout the week, happy hours on Monday and Thursday, and a runners' club every Monday—as if you need an excuse to go have a beer.

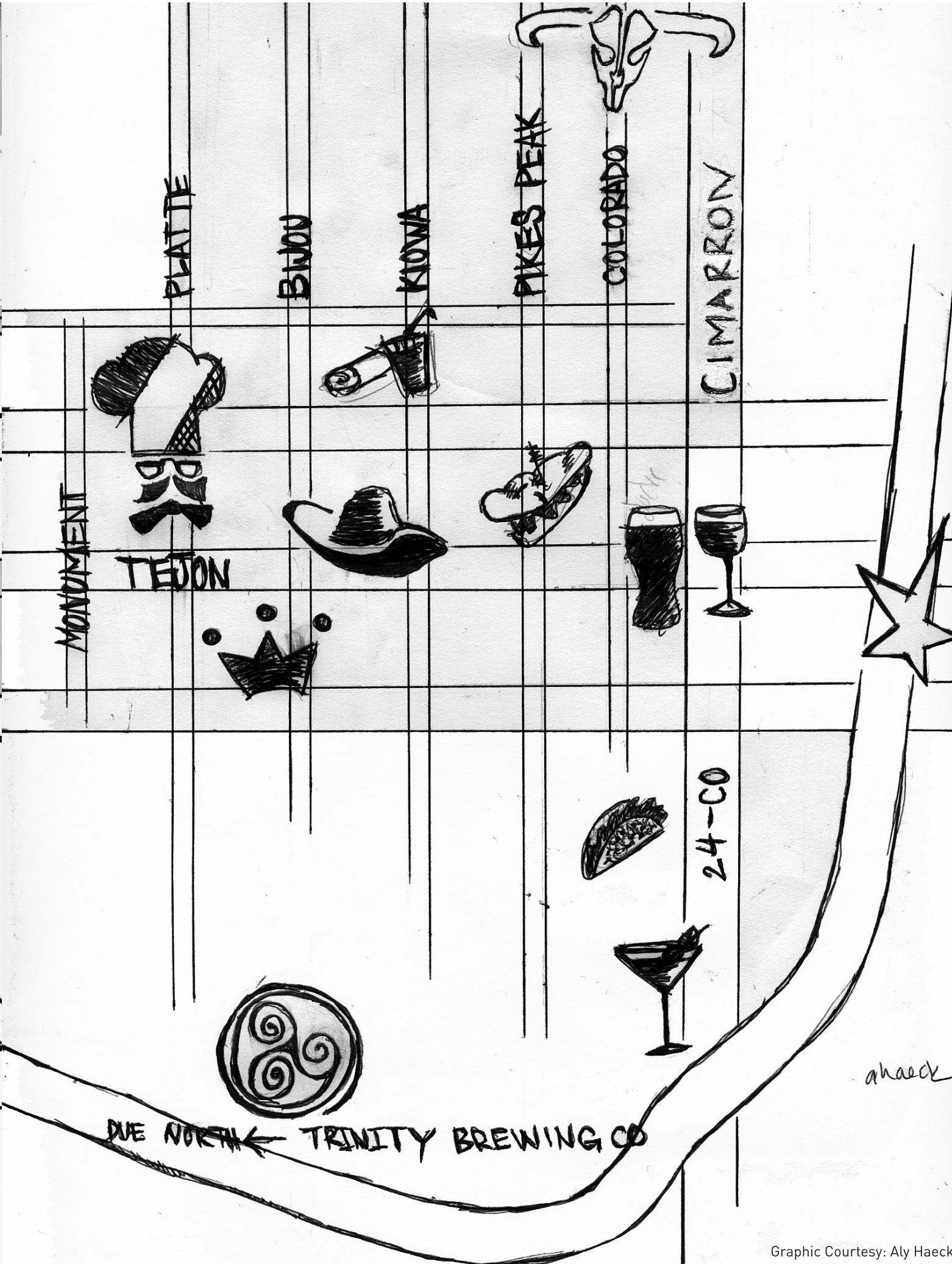
Favorites: I always go with vegan chicken wings, sweet potato French fries, and a few rounds of Farmhouse, but the menu has new seasonal items all of the time.

Firehouse Southern Style BBQ OR Frontrange BBQ

Drive/bike; 817 W Colorado Ave. OR 2330 W Colorado Ave.
 <\$25 (with drinks)

These had to get thrown in together because they are basically the same place (except, shhh don't say that to an avid Frontrange or Firehouse fan). When you have a craving for elaborate sauces and a giant plate of meat, check out West Colorado Ave and you will be blown away. Whether you enjoy getting your hands dirty or just like getting discounts for braving the snow to eat out, these are some of the best BBQ spots in town.

Favorites: Chicken sausage and ribs.



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King's Chef

Bike/Drive to 131 Bijou St. or 110 E Costilla St.
 <\$15

If you haven't seen a purple and white "Clean Plate Club" sticker from King Chef, it's time to get out of Mathias and meet some friends. In fact, invite them to a late Saturday night or Sunday afternoon sesh at King Chef, and you will start off that relationship on the right foot. The food is dank. The meals are huge. It's cash only.

Favorites: The Grump, Breakfast Sandwich or the Merlin Scramble

Bluestar

Drive; 1645 N Tejon St.
 <\$30

"A sleek sophisticated restaurant offering an escape from the norm," Bluestar is the place to take that special lady if you are looking to have delicious food and drink. It's like the older sister to Bristol Brewing Company, which is right next store, so you get the innovative food experience with a touch of laid-back bar feeling. Plus, they offer great events each month and half price bottles of wine on Sundays—Halleluiah!

Favorites: In-house hummus as an appetizer and any of the dinners

Mediterranean Café

-Bike/Drive; 118 E Kiowa
 <\$10

Even though the Café is small, it has the best Mediterranean food around. Don't get tempted by Arabica Café just because it's right down town—go the few extra blocks and you will be happy you made the trip.

Favorites: The falafel pita with a side of grape leaves will leave you satisfied all afternoon. Don't forget the baklava.

News

Senior Leadership Struggles to re-frame failures

Administration's effort to "shield" students from downturn leads to widespread ignorance.

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The form letter that has been received by laid-off staff who have already left campus reads, in part, "Since the Great Depression, when CC nearly closed its doors, we have not had to confront the kind of economic challenges we now face—challenges that have forced us into this difficult decision to eliminate positions."

An accompanying letter notes that the same message has been communicated multiple times at open budget forums.

"The college is not being honest and forthcoming with its employees or the public. Why hide it? It's not fair. The college brought this on itself," said Roger Godoy, who had worked in Central Services and was laid off on April 9. "I'm left with a bad taste in my mouth—a very bad taste."

Mandy Sulfrain, who was laid off from her job as a staff assistant in the biology department, wrote in the Electronic Town Square of the layoff process: "It's kinda like playing Monopoly with your older brother and the rules keep changing."

Ms. Sulfrain has since been rehired by the college for a position in the geology department. The Electronic Town Square is an online forum used primarily by staff to communicate with administrators.

Other staff members who were forced to leave the college expressed similar feelings, but agreed to speak only on condition of anonymity for fear of their job records being damaged by hostile former bosses.

"He cut his salary 10 percent? They cut my job. You know how much I made? About \$21 thousand a year," said one individual in an interview, referring to President Celeste's voluntary 10 percent pay reduction.

Larry Stimpert, a professor in the Economics and Business department who has consulted with administrators over budget matters in the past, experienced a layoff in his department last month.

"I was asked if I would give this letter to the employee who was going to be involuntarily terminated, and I said I'm not going to do this—it's a lie. It's not because of the financial downturn. We were headed towards a financial calamity before last fall. The market challenges have made the problem worse, but the problem,



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Professor Marlow Anderson, chair of the Faculty Executive Committee, and Professor Judy Laux, chair of the committee's personnel sub-committee, talk budget after a closed-door (and reportedly lively) meeting of the faculty on Thurs., April 30. Each has played a central role in communicating the views of CC's professoriate to administrators.

I feel, is of the college's own making."

President Celeste could not be reached for comment in the three days leading up to press time.

A Culture of Spending

Tom Nycum was a team player. As the vice president for business and finance until early last year, he was also increasingly frustrated with the budget-making process at CC.

Old friends still at the college, with whom he shared his thoughts, peg out-of-control spending as the last straw that pushed him into retirement.

"He was frustrated with the process. In the end, there was trouble working with Celeste," said an individual familiar with Mr. Nycum's departure. From a man who was widely respected at the college, the sentiment holds a certain weight.

This year is the first in at least a decade that CC will run a budget deficit. In fact, the business office was unable to identify another deficit budget without digging through paper

records, which administrators were not available to do before press time.

The shortfall of \$1,691,500 was approved by the Board of Trustees last year, though actual expenses will likely come in about \$300 thousand less, according to Lyrae Williams, the budget director.

For nearly everyone interviewed for this article, the deficit represented a culmination of years of profligate over-spending. "We got fat. We got too big," said Judy Laux, a business and economics professor.

Said Ms. Williams, "It doesn't make me comfortable to operate in a deficit. It's not a healthy way to operate."

Sluggish parent and alumni giving has compounded the problem this year.

Steve Elder, the vice president for advancement, explained that while gifts to the college initially jumped in response to the financial crisis, they have since dropped precipitously.

Before the crisis became apparent, the Business Office projected that, at then-current assumptions, the deficit would reach \$2.6 million for the 09-10 fiscal year.

By December, after calculating in the effects of the downturn, that number doubled to \$5.2 million. Budget documents show that, had growth assumptions from December remained unchanged, by 2012 CC would carry an additional \$24 million in debt. "[The downturn] definitely exposed our weaknesses," said Mr. Calderhead, the controller.

An examination of accounting documents shows that the college's budget has grown at a rate of over 10 percent annually for the last five years, far outpacing the growth of the school's primary revenue source, tuition.

However, increased spending has not been even across all campus divisions and departments.

The documents, many of which the college has posted online, break down college expenses into roughly a dozen categories, including research, facility services, and financial aid.

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CC's burgeoning quest to counteract recession

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If there is one thing to be learned from remedial economics in the California Public School system, it is that Warren Buffet is infallible. Mr. Buffet has rightly earned his title as the de facto Pope of good old American Capitalism. The general public seems to cling to each and every nugget of advice he happens to drop only to snap at the next like a Great White towards a crippled seal. America can now take one collective deep breath. Just recently, when asked what he thought of the economy's apparent rebound, Buffet offered, "the American economy now seems to be out of the emergency room and on the slow path to recovery."

Phew—kind of. Buffet's statement will surely be relayed with tones of elation and ecstasy; however, it is apparent that Buffet deliberately added "slow" to his statement, so as not to overly excite the media that hangs onto his seemingly golden words.

The system that we abide by is broken. The current economic crisis has served to expose the paradigm shift needed to change the seem-

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ingly well-oiled capitalist machine an economic situation that is all too real at Colorado College.

As a private institution that covers approximately thirty percent of its operating costs with its endowment pay-out, Colorado College has endured its fair share of losses to a volatile stock market. However, as the nation is rumored to be exiting the darkness of a staggering economic recession so too, we hope, is The Colorado College.

Warren Buffet sees the light at the end of the tunnel; Ben Bernanke of the Federal Reserve has been widely publicized as having forecasted the "green shoots" of our resurfacing economy. Apparently, April has seen the sunset of our cruelest month and the \$13 trillion that the Federal Reserve has pumped into the US economy is starting to make a difference.

If we, as an academically competitive liberal arts institution, are to expect fiscal improvements over the coming years this begs the question "How fast?" as well as the simpler question "How?" But to answer such questions one must first return to the beginning. The hit that Colorado College has taken during this recession is undeniably stunning; what remains to be seen are the long-term implications that this crisis will have on our liberal arts education.

"The college was already projecting deficits before the economic crisis hit." So reads the

description of our current situation as explained by the school's ad-hoc Budget Planning Team, a collaborative group of staff, students and trustees chaired by the Dean of the College/ Faculty Susan Ashley.

While the school may have acknowledged the impending growth of the deficit from afar, the administration was faced with the dilemma of working with an annual revenue that inflated at a much slower rate than their operating expenses. At the end of the 2007-2008 fiscal year, Colorado College finished with a surplus of \$2,668,771, an increase of over 300% from that of the year before, only to see it plummet to \$100,617 the next year—a 96% decrease.

After gaining so much, how did CC seemingly spend it all at once? In the simplest terms, Colorado College spent more than it could afford. Instead of investing a large portion of its surplus revenue back into the school's endowment, CC spent nearly \$2.5 million in reserved and excess revenue in the 2008-2009 fiscal year in order to keep up with its net total for expenses, which continues to steadily increase at a rate of about .06% each year.

In the past year, we have already seen the college take huge steps in order to decrease general expenses—some actions more visible than others. We saw the disintegration of our Football and women's Softball and Water Polo programs. The Budget Planning Team outlined future budgetary freezes in student wages and block-visitor salaries. Student organizations are expected to take a hit from the recession as well, but CCSGA has not released budgets yet for the upcoming year.

"CC knows where it has made mistakes in the past," explained an administration member who requested to remain anonymous, "No one needs to tell the school where they are losing money, they know the numbers and they're trying to learn from them. It's a very difficult situation to deal with because you can't force immediate results. But CC is taking action in almost anyway that can and, as a community, I think people are beginning to realize that."

It's no secret that CC is attempting to rectify the economic hurdles that have been consciously met over the past year. But in order for resolution to be reached, there must be a vague endpoint in sight, which will force CC to make choices that will ultimately shape the face of the college for years to come. "I think one upside that I can see coming out of this budgetary crisis is that it has allowed us to reevaluate ourselves as a college," stated CCSGA president David Carlson, candidly discussing the school's budget action.

"It allows us to define the face of the CC experience, the value of a CC education and the reputation of a CC degree." The cuts being made by the school not only influence the budget, but also the school's personality. One would hope that the cuts being made are indicative of an

intellectually proactive community as well as a competitive and prestigious liberal arts institution, characteristics on which our community prides itself.

Simply by examining the budgetary actions that CC has taken over such a short period of time, such as the establishment of a standing budget committee in the same form as the acting ad hoc committee, it seems the community is much more comfortable and trusting of Colorado College's course of action. These decisions on the part of the extended CC community have culminated in piecing together a budget that is both reasonable and fitting to the school's inviting character.

Much like Buffet's Golden Egg—the American economy—Colorado College has found itself inadequately prepared for the onslaught of economic hurdles brought on by the global recession. But as of late, CC has shown that it can resolve its mistakes while maintaining a warm and encouraging academic environment. "I mean, it's obvious that CC is having to deal with some rough times financially," says sophomore Andy Ball, "but that hasn't changed that

this is still an amazing place for me. I genuinely enjoy my classes and the time I've spent here."

In the most recent US News and World Report ranking of liberal arts colleges, Colorado College has yet again found itself as a rising academic institution. Despite the polemics involved in its budgeting processes, the external perception of Colorado College has not suffered as a result of this economic climate.

Only recently becoming self-aware in regards to its spending habits that did anything but aid its financial woes, Colorado College is at a turning point. CC must now decide between continuing with a more conscious approach, as has been its most recent practice, or falling back into its seasoned spending habits and into the ominous darkness that is the deficit. CC has learned a lot about itself over the course of the economic downturn. Looking forward, Colorado College has much to change. But it remains to be seen whether or not CC can retain its soul while functioning as a well-oiled capitalistic machine.

CC to charge for alcohol at events

Strict policy gets stricter in the wake of administrative reconsideration

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Start saving up, because alcohol at Colorado College on-campus events just got pricey. According to the 2009-2010 Pathfinder, released earlier last month, free beer can no longer be provided at official college functions. The new rule states that beer must be sold at a minimum cost of \$3 per drink.

In previous years, the collection of money to pay for the alcohol provided at a college event was considered a violation of the Colorado State Liquor Code. The 2008-2009 Pathfinder prohibits "cover charges, donations, gifts, and costs of any kind for an event during which alcohol is served."

This year, however, Colorado College secured a standing permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages. The permit applies only to the Worner Campus Center. Permits to sell alcohol outside of Worner will be available on a limited basis. The Campus Activities office

will manage the assignment of these permits to specific events.

Administrative officials were unavailable for comment, so it is unclear where the revenue generated from beer sales will go. However, some have their speculations. "I knew CC was having financial trouble, but I didn't know it was quite that bad," joked one student.

Most students reacted to news of the policy change with mild annoyance. Some were dismayed, and still others stated that they were unaware that free beer had ever been available. Many suspected that the policy change is an attempt to reduce drinking at school events. However, most believe that it would ultimately have little effect.

"I don't think it will really discourage people from drinking too much," said Sophomore Deanna Thirkell, "They'll just bring their own. Most people won't pay three dollars for a beer."

"There might be less drinking at the actual event, but people will just pre-game more," said Senior Rachel San Luis, "This isn't going

to solve any problems."

Others believed the policy might have more of an effect, but thought it misguided.

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tant concern. It won't stop underage drinking or anything, and that's a bigger problem," said Junior Dan Rothberg.

"I think fewer people might show up to the events with this policy," commented one Senior, "Free beer is a pretty big draw."

Colorado College has always placed strict regulations on the serving of alcohol on campus. Student groups who wish to provide alcohol at an event must secure a permit from the dean and hosts must attend a college-sponsored alcohol-host responsibility training. In addition, only Bon Appetit staff or a licensed bartender can serve beer, and food and non-alcoholic beverages must be available throughout the event.

Luckily for our school's post-21 population, the policy does include a provision for exceptions or "alternate arrangements" if "discussed and approved by the associate dean of students." However, the basis on which these exceptions would be granted is unknown.

For now, it seems drinkers will have to fork over the cash. "It always amazed me that my school gave me free alcohol," remarked one Junior, "I guess it had to end sooner or later."

Sports

Goals and glory; Colorado College's men's soccer team looks to make championship push

Neil Smeltzer

Guest Writer

The '09 season for the CC Men's Soccer team did not commence as usual by the base of Pikes Peak, but rather 12 degrees south of the equator on a beach in the country of Brazil.

There, where the beautiful game is a way of life, the players worked for two weeks with the elite clubs of Cruzeiro and Vitoria, improving their skills as well as bonding as a team.

They are now in the second week of preseason, with their first game at home on September 4th. I sat down with Senior captain Chris Ellis to talk about the upcoming year.

NS - How has the beginning of the season been going so far?

CE - It has been going well. After tryouts, we definitely realized we have tons of potential in the freshman class.

There are nine players that can play in games this year and push us in practices, so our practices have been more competitive which will translate into more preparedness in the games.

We are excited for our first game - after two weeks in Brazil and preseason we're excited to play against other opponents.

NS - The trip to Brazil was a great experience for you guys to see a different style of soccer, at a very high level.

I know Coach Richardson's goal was for you guys to bring back some aspects of the Brazilian soccer into your game. Have you seen the affects of this intensive training in Brazil pay off yet?

CE - I have. I have. I mean, firstly, we've been practicing the patterns that lead to attacks, building up the attack and finding the right one. Probably the most advantageous thing that

we brought back was making sure we have fun whenever we play.

In Brazil we were able to see the "Favelas" where soccer is used as a social escape so those kids were just having fun with everything they did which led to better play.

NS - So what exactly will the incoming play-



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ers be bringing to the team?

CE - We have a wide array of players: two new goalies, a handful of defenders, and good midfielders and strikers.

They're definitely going to add a lot of competition in practice and raise the level of play in the regular season. I'm excited to see what they can do. I'm very excited.

NS - As for the returning players, who do you see as stepping up as leaders both on

and off the pitch? Who has been playing well that we should keep an eye on during games (besides yourself)?

CE - Besides myself, Trevor Cobb. He's a senior captain, both on and off the field. He's got great composure, and is going to be up top playing forward so expect him to score a lot

He's going to be the guy to find that through ball, whose going to find that cheeky pass that slides a player into goal. And Brian Engle, our senior goalie. He's going to be absolutely vital to our success this year.

NS - How do you see the team doing this season?

CE - I see the team doing real well. We have three games against nationally ranked teams, and I have the confidence that we can beat those teams and solidify a top spot in our conference (SCAC).

NS - I know each year is different, but does the team have an ultimate goal for the season, or is it still too early for that?

CE - We're sort of trying to stay away from setting goals, because we become a little preoccupied with achieving those goals and it distracts us from playing our style of soccer.

But ultimately, it's a goal in everyone's mind that we want to make it to the NCAA tournament. This is one of the stronger teams CC has ever had so we are trying to capitalize on all the potential.

NS - Thanks a lot, and good luck this season.

CE - Thank you. We'd love to see you at all the games. The more the better.

Our games not only give you the opportunity to watch us compete, but give you a chance to socialize and interact with your classmates. First game Friday. I'm pumped.

Although the team is back to playing in the familiar shadow of Pikes Peak; the team hopes to carry over what they learned in Brazil into the new season.

In addition, a great group of newcomers should make it an exciting year for CC Men's soccer.

of goals.

In the defense, Chris Lutz has been doing really well, finding passes. Great tracking player - I think he's going to be vital to our defensive strategy.

Will Nelp is a great leader; he's a junior co-captain and he is going to anchor our defense. (Ben) Hancock is going to play out of the middle, and he's probably our most creative player on the team.

Dead and gone: CC's oldest tradition now a distant memory

Aaron Patterson

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It's a hot Monday afternoon; the sun beats down on the turf of a now quiet Washburn Field. A year ago the sound of players' cleats and coaches' whistles could be heard throughout the campus of Colorado College.

Today silence engulfs Washburn Field, a ghostly reminder of an economic downturn that last March led Colorado College to cut the Varsity Football team as well as softball and water polo.

Gone are 127 years of tradition in a program that; at the time, was the longest existing program at Colorado College. Gone are the fans, the tail-gating, and the various other activities that accompanied a Saturday afternoon game at Washburn Field, where the first home game was played in 1898 against a group of local firemen.

What remains are the players who once sported their Tiger jerseys with pride and honor.

Players like Joe Karwin who had no choice but to stay due to the fact that Colorado College offered better financial aid than other schools, had he transferred.

Joe, a sophomore and former defensive tackle, appreciates Colorado College's stance in the continuance of financial aid but like most of his fellow players feels somewhat betrayed by Colorado College.

"They basically cut the one program that's been here the longest. CC prides itself on diversity but it cut one of the most diverse programs at the school", says Karwin.

Karwin's words are true in the sense that the football program brought students to the college who would have opted to go to a different school had there not been a football program offered to them.

Overall, five players have transferred to pursue football at other schools. Karwin, along with the dozen or so other players who

stayed at Colorado College, offers a reminder of a program that not only brought diversity to campus, but rather a chance to represent the school they love while playing the game they love.

Though the hearts of many players and fans were broken, Colorado College has ultimately benefited financially from the absence of the football program.

According to Athletic director Ken Ralph the football team spent \$450,512 out of the football budget last year as well as an additional \$150,000 in medical and insurance expenses.

Coupled with high-costs was the fact that the Colorado College football program had only one winning season since 1976 with that lone winning season being in 1993. Last year they went a devastating 0-9 and the team was able to dress fewer than 40 healthy players, a problem that had plagued the program in recent years.

The absences of the football program as well as other athletic cuts have allowed Colorado College to allocate funds and strengthen the remaining 17 athletic programs.

This fall, the only football games being played at Washburn field will be the Intramural ones. But an up and coming club football team offers some hope that perhaps someday Colorado College might have football again. When asked if a football program might return to Colorado College, Athletic director Ken Ralph is hopeful that someday it will.

Today, all that remain of a 127 years of tradition are the trophies, memorabilia, and photographs that dot the walls of El Pomar. They serve as memories of a storied program that played a significant part in building what Colorado College is today and perhaps that is enough to preserve a football program that although dead, is not gone.

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